

Call for Red Cross Nurses Most Urgent



THIS IS THE FAMOUS RED-LINED CAPE OF DARK BLUE WORN BY THE RED CROSS NURSE.



THE DISTINCTIVE OUT-DOOR UNIFORM OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY NURSE WITH LETTERS "U.S." AND ANCHOR.



RED CROSS PUBLIC NURSE WEARS GRAY COTTON WORKING UNIFORM WITH REGULATION HAT AND CAPE.



THE GRAY COTTON CREPE WORKING UNIFORM OF THE RED CROSS ARMY AND NAVY NURSE



AN ARMY NURSE WEARS THE CADUCEUS OF THE MEDICAL CORPS WITH "U.S." ON HER OUT-DOOR UNIFORM.



ALL-WHITE IS THE DRESS UNIFORM OF THE RED CROSS NURSE IN FOREIGN SERVICE.



The United States Army must have in service 25,000 nurses by January 1. The navy also needs many additional nurses.

Every registered nurse is called on to volunteer for service in field, camp and hospital in Europe, in cantonments, convalescent homes and hospitals in the United States.

Married nurses who cannot leave their homes are called upon to give some time to nursing civilian sick so that more nurses can be sent on military and Red Cross duty.

Civilians are urged not to employ registered nurses except in cases of necessity.

Graduates of high schools and colleges are urged to enter training schools for nurses.

"THE most needed woman" is the war nurse. Her position is established. French officers in this city salute her as they would a comrade in arms.

They have seen her abroad, fighting wounds and disease in hospitals; assisting the surgeons in casualty clearing stations; receiving the long processions of stretchers. And they know her insignia and her uniform as they know the markings and uniforms of other soldiers.

In reality the war nurse is a soldier, fighting pain, disease and death with weapons of science and skill. She belongs to the only group of women permitted to go with the army; and she goes prepared to share the risks and fortunes of war, ready to make any sacrifice.

With the realization that an adequate nursing force is as essential to victory as any other military factor, the war nurse has become a dramatic figure in the public mind. The American public is learning to recognize her uniform and insignia as it does those of the army and navy.

She is bound to become as conspicuous a figure in America as she is abroad. Behind the army of fighting men, an army of nurses is being organized. This is one of the Red Cross fields of activity.

The department of nursing of the American Red Cross was established with the double purpose of creating a reserve for the regular military service, known as the United States Army and Navy Nurse Corps, and providing a nursing

service for public health, hospital or emergency work, as nurses were required.

Its standards of enrolment, in the present crisis, are the same as those of the Army and Navy Nurse Corps. The nurse must be a graduate of a school for nurses giving at least two years' training. For military service preference is given to those within the ages of twenty-one and forty. When enrolled with the Red Cross the nurse is subject to duty designated by the Red Cross, according to the terms of her enrolment.

When Red Cross nurses are assigned to duty with the Army and Navy Nurse Corps, they automatically become members of the corps, serving directly under the Government as military nurses; and they are then no longer under the supervision or direction of the Red Cross.

The uniforms of the army and navy nurse and the Red Cross nurse are in most respects the same, but with a difference of insignia. Red Cross nurses wear the emblem of the Red Cross, and army and navy nurses the letters "U. S.," denoting service with the military. Sometimes the caduceus, the winged staff and serpent of the Medical Corps, is added to the letters worn by the army nurse, and the anchor to those worn by the navy nurse.

More than 4,000 Red Cross nurses, either serving with the Army and Navy Nurse Corps or directly under the Red Cross, are now on military duty abroad, and over 6,000 in camp and cantonment hospitals at home. At the annual meeting of the three national organizations of nurses recently held in Cleveland the service flag displayed showed 11,742 nurses on active service with the Army and Navy Nurse Corps, the Federal Public Health Service and the American Red Cross.

Every qualified nurse released for military duty brings upon her community the honor of having given another soldier to the defence of the country. She may be the only woman from her community who will face the actual dangers of war and is entitled to distinction as such.

Every service star for a nurse in an American home means another star of hope in the darkness that besets the sorely wounded.

Only the Detail Missing

ALTHOUGH Belinda was dark herself, she had been the bright spot in the Boyle household down South for more than ten years when she announced that she was "gwine to git married."

"D'you know," she confided to her mistress, "if I could only have a long white dress, like Miss Bertha had when she done got married, and some of them yellar flowers in ma hair, like she had, I would everlastingly paralyze some of them coons in our church that says I ain't got enough style to be marrying a nigger like Wash Williams."

The conversation being repeated to the master of the house that evening at dinner, he did not regard it as entirely a joke and told his wife to fit out Belinda for the wedding according to her cherished dream.

"The cost doesn't amount to anything,"

he remarked, "and she has been with us a long time. Rig her out, and send her to the church in the machine."

This was accordingly done, and the bride departed for the church in the family automobile. In about an hour she returned, a smile of triumph on her face.

"Good Lord, missus," she burst out, "you just ought to seen me going up the aisle in that there church. The niggers all turned around and their eyes just bulged outen their heads. The minister he just stood there paralyzed, holding out both hands. He know'd nothing like that never came into his church to be married before."

"How lovely!" chimed in the mistress. "And what did your husband think about it all?"

"Ma husband?" murmured Belinda, caressing a fold of her long white train. "Why, that nigger never showed up."